



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 16, 1999

Contact: Joe Tash (619) 595-4627
Pager (619) 529-1444

TAX COLLECTOR'S SAN MARCO OFFICE TEMPORARILY CLOSING *Pilot Office Was a Resounding Success*

San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Bart Hartman would like to remind residents that his pilot office in San Marcos is now closed. The office, which was located in the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerks office, was opened during the recent tax collection period to gauge the public demand and interest in branch offices.

"The office was a fantastic success," said Hartman. "There was a significant increase in calls and visits each day, and the nearly unanimous feedback was to keep the office open." Hartman added. The office was scheduled to be open April 1 to April 12, but was kept open until to 16th to ease the closing.

Hartman plans to reopen the San Marcos office, as well as branch offices in the East and South County areas in the coming months. "Improving customer service has been one of my top priorities. Given the success of our pilot office, this is an increase in service that our customers will use and appreciate. As soon as I address the staffing needs, I will open the offices permanently." said Hartman.

Information can still be obtained from the Treasurer-Tax Collectors main office located in the County Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway in downtown San Diego or by call their information line at 619-236-2424.

###